

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Heretofore, when an error occurs during data reproduction, a retry is repeated until the error is corrected, which leaves a possibility of data transfer being not completed within a specified time. Only one piece of error information on uncorrected errors is informed to a host system even if the errors have occurred in a plurality of unit data. To solve the problem, a magnetic disk drive is provided which can transfer data within a specified time because the number of retries executed when errors occur is limited to a range that data transfer can be finished within a specified time. The disk drive generates error information regarding all errors caused in reproduction and communicates error information along with reproduced data to a host system. The disk drive is capable of concurrent execution of data processing that allows of errors and data processing that does not allow of errors without demanding that the disk drive be furnished with high performance.

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